



SAFETY SPECIALIST GROUP
Santa Barbara County Fire Station 30
Solvang, CA
October 21-22, 2014
0900-1700/0800-1200

Minutes

Donald Reyes (LFD) Mike Klusyk (SBC) Sean Fraley (KRN) TF Liaison
Daron Pisciotta (CNT) John Walsh (ACF) David Witt (KRN)
Glen "Kipp" Morrill (BLM) Keith Aggson (ATA) Woody Enos (SBC) TF Liaison Alt
Wayne Seda (AFV)

Call ins:

Peter Duncan (USFS) attended via phone call @ 1330 on 1st day
Brent Stangeland (CalFire) attended via phone call at 1300 on 2nd day

Members Not Present:

Larry La Vogue (BDC) Mark Sanchez (ORC) Barry Parker (VNC)

October 21, 2014

■ **Call to order: 0900 by Chief Reyes**

The Safety Specialist Group was greeted by host, Mike Klusyk (SBC) and Woody Enos (SBC)

Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics:

Agenda Review:

Review April and September Minutes:

- April 14, 2014 meeting minutes: Morrill/Pisciotta - Approved Unanimously
- September 22, 2014 Conference Call minutes: Morrill/Witt - Approved Unanimously

Task Force Summary Report: Woody Enos (SBC) FIRESCOPE Task Force Liaison briefed 2014 Task Force meeting agenda

- Attempting to get new member from districts north, cities south, and volunteer?
- Ops Conf. Call
 - Active Shooter document w/ EMS Specialist Group.
- FEMT and FEMP class is being worked on by EMS Group
 - Proposed 24 hour class - 16 hours FEMT and 8 hours FEMP
- Draw Down - Task Force assigned to develop standard

- US&R SEL - updated
- Rapid Extrication Module (REM)
 - Task Force to review REM
 - Type 1 IMTs have been utilizing REM
- NWS Red Flag Program
 - Ventura/LAC (Zone 1), ORC (Zone 2), San Diego (Zone 3), Santa Barbara (Zone 4) have been included in this predictive service for Santa Ana winds
- Specialist Working Groups
 - Aviation: Enos moved to Aviation as primary Task Force Liaison
 - Safety: Fraley moved to Primary and Enos moved to Alternate
- Discussion: Task Force and Specialist Groups meeting at the same time. This makes it impossible for Liaisons to be at both meetings and is generally avoided per Fraley
- Interagency Risk Management Conference in San Diego - **April 14th - 16th.**
 - April 13th would be FIRESCOPE SSG meeting in San Diego
- Reviewed NWCG Update document from Chief Enos
 - Discussion about Type 3 IMT
 - Enos discussed utilizing IA fires and completing ICS 225 forms to document experience/performance
 - Discussion regarding CICCS qualifications and the significant challenges that each department represented at this meeting have faced.

Old Business:

Respiratory Ad hoc group update - Chief Pisciotta

- Realized after making contact with various experts and obtaining information that this is a very large project and issue
- He believes the PELs and specific mitigations as listed in the Wildland Firefighter Exposure Report document are good recommendations, but could be too cumbersome to implement or recommend from this group
- www.firesmoke.org is a website with excellent information about smoke exposure, data, and training material
- Recommends that the Safety Specialist Group take more of an educational approach to provide information and resources for self education

Action Item: All members will review the information on the above website and other information that has been distributed regarding smoke exposure. Specific guidance will be discussed at the next meeting.

Action Item: Pisciotta will create a draft guidance document for Smoke Exposure and inhalation hazards.

Action Item: Fraley will brief the Task Force on the creation of the Smoke Exposure document by the SSG

Recommendation from Enos and Fraley for SSG to create a one page guidance document to address the dangers of smoke exposure. This document could be similar to the Marijuana/Clandestine Labs documents that were created and posted by SSG and HazMatSG.

- TEMS – EMS developing TEMS document

- SSG will review draft TEMS for Safety concerns
- Communication
 - Monitor statewide Radio Frequency and Tone Communications updates
- ICS for Structural Firefighting Operations – Fraley advised that this document is still with the Taskforce for review

New Business:

Pete Duncan via phone call:

Risk Management ppt. - Where is the Fire Service going with Risk Management Fundamentals:

- Everyone goes home
- Accept no unnecessary risk
- High Risk activities can be undertaken when decision makers acknowledge the mission objectives exceed the potential for loss.
- Make risk decisions at the appropriate level
- Success = safely achieving reasonable objectives with the least firefighter exposure necessary.
- Risk = Exposure + Severity + Probability
- What to do with the risk? Avoid, accept, reduce, or transfer

Introduced Electronic 215A-Witt

- Spreadsheet is straight forward
- Fields can be clicked to open a pick list
- Once risk is chosen, mitigation actions self populate
- Most favorable form has only three colors (red, yellow, green)
- Can be exported to 215 for IAP
- Reyes would like to evaluate this form and compare to FEMA form and coloring to ensure interoperability
- Witt utilized this form on team assignments this year and found it to be user friendly and less time consuming as previous versions
- Concern regarding this form being electronic. What if the form doesn't work?
- Discussion about if the 215A is intended as a planning and advisory document or should be included as a portion of the IAP.
- Hoping to have Brent Stangeland call in tomorrow morning to discuss Cal Fire's 215A
- Change of the form will lead to significant differences in the Risk Management direction of the FIRESCOPE website
- Reyes feels that a meeting of 2-3 days dedicated to the rework of this form/process
- **Action Item:** Utilizing our working prototype, all committee members are directed to trial the electronic version of the 215A form and provide feedback at the next SSG meeting. Input from Cal Fire and the group that Pete Duncan will be meeting with
- Oct. 22, 2014: Conference call with Brent Stangeland, he discussed ICS 215A form w/color code “drop downs”
 - Stangeland forwarded 215A form to his IMT member for review

- Flagging Color (standardized)
 - For incident specifics
 - Stangeland and Parker still continuing research and will provide information to SSG with status
 - Recommendation from Stangeland-Start with Flagging Color schemes adopted as part of cache for Region 5 (USFS) and then moved toward “buy in” with Cal Fire and other fire agencies
- REM (Rapid Extraction Module) Enos/Fraley
 - Forward any thoughts/inputs to Liaisons for REM (Rapid Extraction Module)
- Add as an agenda item- Barry Parker will brief group on update on new CAL OSHA regulation briefing

Group Business:

- Review Plan of Work, Charter and Rosters (Confidential and non-confidential)
 - Review roster changes
 - Updated dates for Safety Officer Workshop and Flagging tape on Plan of Work
- Website updates

Officer Elections

Morrill nominated Reyes and Seda to stay in their respective positions as Chair and Secretary, Witt 2nd the motion, Approved Unanimously

Morrill nominated Klusyk for the position of Vice Chair, Walsh 2nd the motion, Approved Unanimously

Upcoming Meetings:

- December 10-11, 2014, 1st day (1200-1700) 2nd day (0900-1700)-Camarillo
- February 9-10, 2015, 1st day (1200-1700) 2nd day (0900-1700)-Bakersfield
- April 13, 2015 (0800-1700)-San Diego
- April 14- 16, 2015, Interagency Risk Management Conference-San Diego

Roundtable Discussion

Meeting adjourned by Chief Reyes at 1200 hrs on Oct. 22, 2014

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